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Edmonton, Alberta, September 10th, 1936.

HONOURABLE J. W. HUGILL, K.C.,
Attorney General,
Parliament Buildings,
Edmonton, Alberta.

SIR:

I have the honour to transmit herewith Report of the Alberta Liquor Control Board covering the period 1st April, 1935, to the 31st March, 1936.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. J. DINNING,

Chairman.

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REPORT OF

THE ALBERTA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

The twelfth Annual Report of the Board is submitted herewith, and covers the fiscal period from the 1st April, 1935, to the 31st March, 1936.

Following comment on the operations during that period will be found the customary financial statements and appendices.

LICENSES

There was no change in the number of Brewers' Licenses issued during the year, and the number remains at five.

Beer Licenses were issued with respect to 381 hotels, but during the year four were destroyed by fire. It was necessary to discipline by way of suspension of License, one Licensee only during the year.

The Licensed Hotels throughout the Province have continued to extend adequate service to the travelling public, and the Board, in its efforts to maintain this high standard, has received the closest co-operation of the officers and members of the Alberta Hotel Association. It is, however, becoming increasingly apparent that unless there is a general improvement in economic conditions, some of the Hotel men will find it necessary to close their doors owing to lack of patronage.

Fifty-three Clubs received Licenses and also 15 Canteens operated under military supervision. These Licensees conducted their premises satisfactorily.

Appendix "A" contains a statement of the Licenses issued.

LOCAL OPTION

Two Local Option Plebiscites were taken during the period under review, and in both instances the vote showed a majority to be in favour of the issuance of Beer Licenses.

The cost of taking these Plebiscites amounted to $82.33 in all, and was defrayed by the Board, in accordance with statutory provision.

LIQUORS

Owing to the reduction in the rates of duty on both imported and domestic spirits, made effective by the Dominion Government towards the end of March, 1935, the Board substantially reduced its prices to the public in April, 1936.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and those of the City and Municipal Police Forces, have continued to be responsible for the enforcement of the liquor laws of the Province, and the Board is grateful to them for the co-operation and assistance which they have at all times so freely extended.

GENERAL REMARKS

The sale of Permits during the calendar year ending on 31st December, 1935, realized $50,118.00.

During the year 98 Permits were cancelled for varying reasons.

The Board received and acted upon 308 Orders of Interdiction during its fiscal year, and during the same period 449 Orders were either revoked or became null and void under the Legislation.

The number of Interdiction Orders remaining in force as at 31st March, 1936, was 844.

Prescriptions issued by Medical Practitioners to the number of 916 were filled by the Stores during the year.

Individual sales to permittees numbered 1,249,732, at an average of $2.83 for each transaction.

Shipments by express to permittees totalled 25,685, at a cost of $10,129.01, and 1,861 packages were sent through the mails at a cost of $1,474.65.

The Board and the Alberta Brewers paid to the Dominion Government by way of Customs and Excise Duties, Sales Tax, etc., approximately $1,350,000.00 during the fiscal year.

Approximately 2,968,000 gallons of beer manufactured in Alberta were sold within the Province.

The statement below shows a quantity comparison of all liquor sales.

	Sales in Gallons	Percentage of Total Sales
Beer, Ale and Stout	3,031,000	92.77
Wines	127,000	3.88
Spirits	108,000	3.31
Alcohol (including sales to Hospitals, Druggists, Manufacturers, etc.)	1,215	.04
	3,267,215	100.00%

STAFF

It affords us considerable pleasure to be able to express through the medium of this Report, our thanks to the staff for their loyal assistance throughout the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. J. DINNING,
Chairman.

STATEMENT "A"

BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 1936

ASSETS

CASH ON HAND		$ 4,354.40
INVENTORIES:		
Stocks of liquor in bond at cost	$ 200,210.89	
Stocks of liquor in warehouses and stores at warehouse cost	252,587.52	
	$ 452,798.41	
Liquor in transit prepaid	13,346.81	
Containers on hand	634.26	
		466,779.48
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		22,411.10
AUTOMOBILES, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES:		
Less reserve for depreciation		23,823.26
PREPAID CHARGES		11,396.41
		$ 528,764.65

LIABILITIES

BANK OF MONTREAL OVERDRAFT		$ 240,815.22
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		172,178.92
UNEARNED LICENSE REVENUE		48,028.50
RESERVES:		
Burglary	$ 10,000.00	
General	50,000.00	
		60,000.00
PROVINCIAL TREASURER:		
Income for the year ended March 31, 1936	$1,802,206.23	
Permit fees for the year ended March 31, 1936	52,521.50	
	$1,854,727.73	
Less: Remitted to Provincial Treasurer	1,846,985.72	
		7,742.01
		$ 528,764.65

Edmonton, Alberta, July 9, 1936.

I have audited the books and records of the Alberta Liquor Control Board for the year ended March 31, 1936, and the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Profit and Loss Account are in accordance therewith.

Stocks of liquor and beer in warehouses and stores at March 31, 1936, were valued at actual cost price. Inventories included goods on consignment amounting to $155,081.63, the corresponding liability being included with accounts payable on the Balance Sheet.

I have received all the information and explanations which I require and certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the financial position of the Alberta Liquor Control Board as at March 31, 1936, and the accompanying Profit and Loss Account correctly sets forth the results of the operations for the year ended at that date.

CHAS. M. LANG, C.A.,
Acting Provincial Auditor.

R. J. DINNING,
Chairman.

N. B. GUTHRIE,
Accountant.

STATEMENT "B"

ALBERTA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1936

Gross sales		$3,726,055.58
Less: Cost of goods sold		2,120,153.99
Gross profit on sales		$1,605,901.59
Less: Stores operating expenses		409,171.82
Profit from stores		$1,196,729.77
Add: Special Income:		
License fees	$ 170,683.30	
Less: License expense	25,366.16	
	$ 145,317.14	
Beer tax	459,035.41	
Sundry revenue	7,674.19	
		612,026.74
		$1,808,756.51
Less: Interest on bank overdraft		6,040.70
Net operating profit		$1,802,715.81
Less: Non-operating expenses:		
Permit Expense	$ 427.25	
Local Option Plebiscites	82.33	
		509.58
Net income for the year ended March 31, 1936		$1,802,206.23

STATEMENT "C"

COST OF GOODS SOLD

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1936

Inventory, March 31, 1935		$ 398,981.01
Add:		
Purchases, Liquor	$ 767,569.57	
Purchases, Beer	459,877.47	
Purchases, Confiscated Liquor	134.50	
Purchases, Jugs and Bottles	38,589.24	
	$1,266,170.78	
Duty	688,378.03	
Sales tax	101,126.64	
Inward freight	129,634.02	
Marine insurance	2,091.03	
		2,187,400.50
		$2,586,381.51
Less:		
Cash and trade discounts	$ 10,459.31	
Breakages	71.37	
Claims	2,898.43	
		13,429.11
		$2,572,952.40
Less: Inventory, March 31, 1936		452,798.41
Cost of Goods Sold for the year ended March 31, 1936		$2,120,153.99

APPENDIX "A"

STATEMENT SHOWING BREWERS', BEER, CLUB AND CANTEEN LICENSES, WITH RECORD OF CANCELLATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

BREWERS' LICENSES ISSUED, 1935

License Number	Name of Brewery	Place
1	Edmonton Breweries Limited	Edmonton
2	Lethbridge Breweries Limited	Lethbridge
3	Calgary Brewing & Malting Company Limited	Calgary
4	North West Brewing Company Limited	Edmonton
5	Big Horn Brewing Company Limited	Calgary

SUSPENSIONS OF BREWERY PRIVILEGES, 1935

Nil.

BEER LICENSES ISSUED, 1935

Total Number of Licenses Issued			393
Destroyed by fire, not replaced	4		
Total Number of Licenses Inoperative		4	
Business Sold, New License Issued		12	
			16
Number of Licenses in Force at December 31st, 1935			377
Number of Hotels receiving Licenses			381

CANCELLATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS OF BEER LICENSES, 1935

Alberta Hotel, Rosedale: M. Berti, Licensee; License No. 60 suspended from September 3rd to November 3rd, inclusive, 1935; failure to comply with the provisions of the Act.

CANCELLATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS OF CLUB LICENSES, 1935

Nil.

CANCELLATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS OF CANTEEN LICENSES, 1935

Nil.

STAFF AS AT 31st MARCH, 1936

	Male	Female	Temp.	Total
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES:				
Chairman	1	.....	.....	1
Chairman's Office (Secretary)	.....	1	.....	1
Secretary's Office	1	1	.....	2
Accountant's Office	13	3	.....	16
Licensing Branch	6	1	.....	7
Licensing Branch Temporary Staff	.....	.....	2	2
Supervisor of Stock Office	6	4	.....	10
Supervisor of Traffic Office	1	2	.....	3
WAREHOUSE	23	3	.....	26
Temporary Help	.....	.....	5	5
STORES	76	.....	.....	76
Temporary Help	.....	.....	7	7
	127	15	14	156